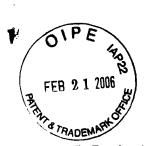
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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED  |                                  |                          |              |  |                           |                       |  |
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of December 15, 2005.

Although the Applicant believes that no fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: